# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LAW AND JUSTICE
# LOK SABHA

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JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY
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**Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has given its assent for signing the United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property under the international pact which aims to provide for a presumption of immunity as msupported by the principles of International Law;

(b) if so, whether this treaty was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;

(c) whether India will joint 18 nations which are already signatory to the Convention;and

(d) if so, the manner in which it is likely to be beneficial for India?

## Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) Yes Sir, India has signed the United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property on 12 January 2007.

(b) Yes Sir, the Convention was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly by resolution A/59/38 on 2nd December 2004.

(c ) Yes Sir, India is one of the signatories to the Convention. 28 countries have signed the Convention out of which 4 countries have become party to the Convention by ratifying it

(d) Participation in the Convention would promote uniformity in State practice as it incorporates rules negotiated and accepted by all countries. It wouM provide greater clarity and certainty of the law, and persons who enter into dealings with foreign States or their Embassies would be better aware of their legal rights in case any disputes were to arise.